

# Harvard Public Library Children's Programs October 2021

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## All Programs Sponsored by the Friends of the Harvard Public Library

**The Friends of the Harvard Public Library  
will be selling books at the  
Harvard Flea Market  
on Saturday, October 9!**

*(Flea Market rain date is October 10)*

Did you know that **95%**  
of children's programs at the HPL  
are supported by the

**Friends of the Harvard Public Library?**

Support the Friends and support children's programming  
at the library – and come home with some great books!

Attend the Harvard Flea Market and purchase books  
from the Friends Book Sale, which will be located under  
the large tent in front of the library.

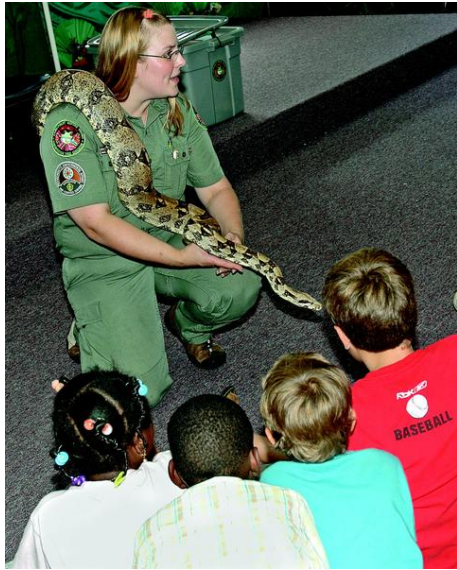
More information about the Friends of the HPL  
is on the library's website:

<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/about/friends-library>





# Rainforest Reptiles



**Thursday, October 7  
at 4:00 PM**

This dynamic program has alligators, turtles and snakes from the neo-tropical rain forest to the sub-tropical rain forest of the world.

You will be thrilled and excited by the herpetologists from Rainforest Reptiles who will give you every fact and dispel your misconceptions about the rainforest and the reptiles that live there.

Co-founders Joaney M. Gallagher and Michael K. Ralbovsky of Rainforest Reptile Shows have over 200 exotic reptiles. Their animals are the stars in an interactive show for all ages.

This show will be outdoors on the library lawn – bring a blanket or chairs for your family to sit on.

Registration required: all registrants will receive an email reminder prior to the event, and if rain or other weather interferes with the show, then an email will be sent with alternate plans.

Register by filling in this brief Google form:  
<https://forms.gle/nS7nDtFfDBrxd1v8>

Or scan the QR code to easily access  
the registration form.



All programs are currently held either outdoors under a tent or virtually via Zoom.

In case of rain, outdoor events will be held virtually, rescheduled, or cancelled.

All events subject to change.

Registration is required for all programs.  
Register for Events, Storytimes, and Book Groups  
by using the appropriate  
Google Form (links to Google Forms  
are in each program's description).



## Outdoor Saturday Storytime!

**Saturday, October 16  
at 10:30 AM**

**Ages 3 to 7**

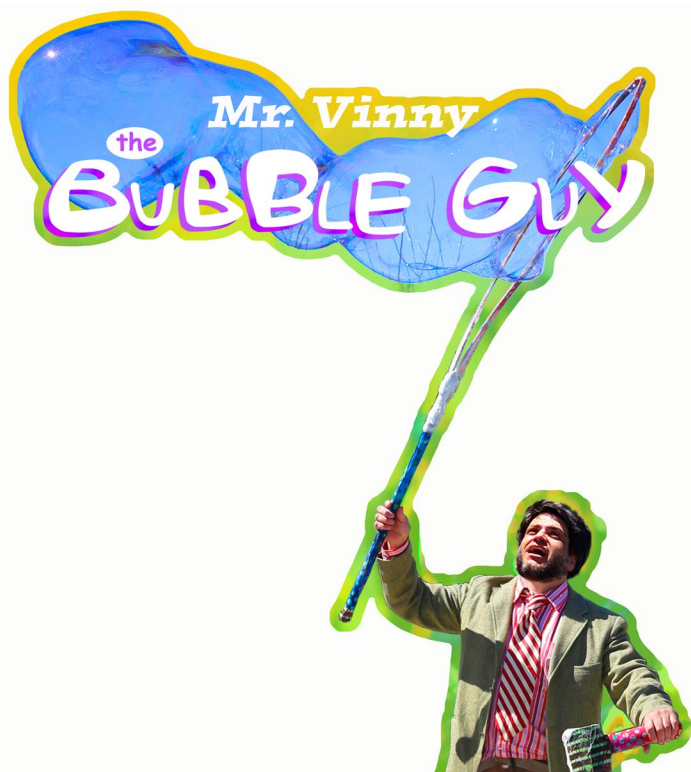
Join three awesome teen volunteers for some fun stories outdoors on the library lawn!

Use the online Storytime Registration form to sign up: <https://forms.gle/2LzAnLii9oozYztaA>  
Or scan the QR code to easily access the online registration form.

In case of rain or other predicted bad weather, storytime will be moved to virtual format (Zoom links will be sent to all registrants).



# Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy



**Wednesday, October 27  
at 2:00 PM**

**All Ages**

Join Mr. Vinny for some bubble fun on the library lawn! Using giant bubble wands he designed and constructed himself, Mr. Vinny will gather kids for an hour long game of watch, chase, and pop the bubbles!

This show will be outdoors on the library lawn.

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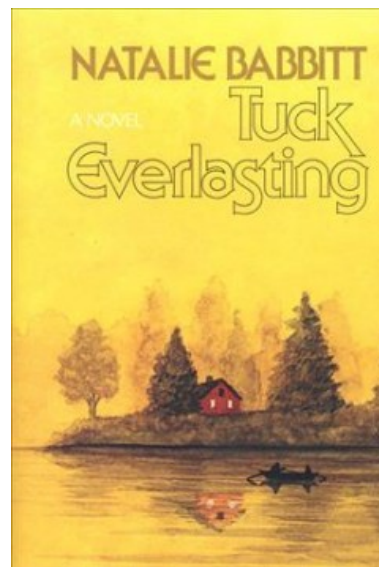
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# Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups



**Thursday, October 21  
at 7:00 PM**

It's no secret that many grownups love to read children's books! If you're one of these grownups and you'd like to be able to discuss children's literature in a book group setting, then this group is for you. Discussion is facilitated by Abby, the children's librarian, who has an MA in Children's Literature from Simmons University.

Sign up for the group, and we will request for you a copy of the book we will be discussing.

October's book is:

***Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt.**

This beautifully written classic children's book is about the Tuck family who were blessed (or cursed) with immortality, and a young girl named Winnie who discovers their secret.

Send an email to  
[childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org)  
to be added to the email list for this group. Book group membership is limited to grownups with a Harvard/HES connection, in order to keep the group size small.

This group will meet virtually via Zoom.



## Write Stuff



**Tuesday, October 19  
from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

**4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

This low-key, supportive writing group is for kids in grades 4 through 6 who love to write. We will talk books and writing, do some fun writing exercises, and share as much (or as little!) of our writing with each other as time allows. Writing group membership is limited to 12 children who are Harvard residents/HES students to keep the group size small.

To register, please send an email to [childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org)  
Be sure to tell us what grade you're in!

This group will meet outdoors on the library lawn (in case of rain, we will meet virtually via Zoom).

## Craft Programs on the Library Lawn for Ages 8 and up



**Capsters ~ Thursday, October 14 at 4:00**

Transform some special Klutz bottle caps into awesome art!! We'll put charms, plastic jewels, punch-out art, glitter, googly eyes, and other fun things into bottle caps, then seal them with special clear glaze.

**Pom-Pom Monsters ~ Thursday, October 28 at 4:00**

Come turn pom-poms into stylish monsters! We will cut and style colorful pom-poms to create perfectly coifed mop tops, pigtails, and mohawks. Then we'll add tiny hair bows, paper feet, and foam horns and teeth for the final touches.

*Attendance for these outdoor craft programs is limited to 8 children, and children must be 8+ due to the complexity of the crafts.*

Register by sending an email to [childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org)

## BOOKFLIX<sup>®</sup> SCHOLASTIC Teachables

**Have you tried these awesome children's databases available on the HPL website?**

**BookFlix: Learning to Read, then Reading to Learn**

Thematically paired fiction and nonfiction titles are designed to bridge learning-to-read and reading-to-learn. Animated classic storybooks introduce early learners to the delights of reading while sparking curiosity, creating a natural springboard into the paired nonfiction text for deeper discovery.

**Scholastic Teachables: Worksheets, lesson plans, learning games, and more!**

Formerly known as Scholastic Printables, this database offers printable activities for any subject: math, science, reading comprehension, STEM, writing, and beyond. Download printable lesson plans, reading passages, games and puzzles, clip art, bulletin board ideas, and skills sheets for kids in any grade.

**You can access these great databases from the Databases for Children page on the library's website:**

<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/children/databases-children>

# OUTDOOR BOOK GROUPS



## **Book Gobblers Book Group for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders** **Monday, October 25 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

In this read-aloud book discussion group, Abby will read a story aloud to the group, then we will discuss the book together. Group members do not read a book ahead of time.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Book Group**

**Monday, October 4 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Book is: *Toys Go Out* by Emily Jenkins

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Group**

**Monday, October 18 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

**\* This group is fully registered! No spaces available! \***

The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Book is:

*The Apprentice Witch* by James Nicol

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Group**

**Tuesday, October 12 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book is: *Saving Winslow* by Sharon Creech

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Group**

**Tuesday, October 26 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Book is:

*Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko

Want to join a book group? We'd love to have you – new members are welcome; however, book group membership is limited to children who are Harvard residents/HES students, in order to keep the book group sizes small and manageable. **Maximum group size per grade is 15 children.** *Book group members should read at least half (but preferably all! ☺) of the book prior to the group meeting.*

**Please let us know if you would like to be added to a book group email list by filling in the HPL Book Group Registration Form:**  
<https://forms.gle/gg9xnRKxyFQyTkrh9>

# OUTDOOR STORYTIMES

All storytimes are held outdoors on the library lawn, socially distanced under a tent. In case of rain, storytimes will be held virtually via Zoom.

Registration is required for all storytimes due to limited space & so we can notify you in case of rain.

*If a storytime gets close to capacity, priority will be given to Harvard/Devens/HES families.*

Use the online Storytime Registration form to sign up: <https://forms.gle/ku8orCyKE8NYZXoC6>

## **Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime**

**Ages 0 – 2 and up**

**Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30**

*(no storytime on October 11)*

Mother Goose on the Loose is an early literacy program that uses rhymes and songs to help pre-reading children get ready for reading. It incorporates music, movement, ritual, repetition, positive reinforcement, developmental tips, nursery rhymes, puppets, musical instruments, colored scarves, and book reading into a fun-filled 30 minute session for infants to 2-year-olds and their caregivers (older siblings are also welcome).

## **Storytime for 2's & 3's**

**Ages 2 & 3**

**Wednesdays at 10:30 AM**

This 20 to 30 minute theme-based storytime includes songs, simple stories, feltboard stories, and fingerplays appropriate for children aged 2 & 3 years old and their caregivers (older siblings are also welcome).

## **Stories for 4's & 5's**

**Ages 4 & 5 and up**

**Mondays at 1:30 PM**

*(no storytime on October 11)*

This 30 minute program, appropriate for children ages 4 to 7 and their caregivers, features a few longer, more complex picturebook stories and some fun fingerplays and songs. (Older siblings are also welcome.)